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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7533**

Masahiro HONJO : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1710A

Serial No. 09/987,681 : Group Art Unit 2621

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 1, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, which the Examiner indicated corresponds to claims 1-14, 18-23, 26-28, 31, 32 and 35, for further prosecution.

Regarding the Restriction Requirement, Applicant would like to point out to the Examiner that the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 15, 2001 has been overlooked. In this Preliminary Amendment, the multiple dependency of the claims was deleted and new claims 36-60 were added.

Accordingly, in view of the Preliminary Amendment, Applicant notes that Group I should have been indicated as corresponding to claims 1-14, 18-23, 26-28, 31, 32, 35-40 and 46-60. Thus, Applicant kindly requests that claims 1-14, 18-23, 26-28, 31, 32, 35-40 and 46-60 be examined on the merits.

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If there are any issues that the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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